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Sir:

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It is noted the publication date of JP-A-9-181159 is subsequent to applicants' claimed Japanese priority date of March 31, 1997 of Japanese priority application no. 9-81013. A certified copy of applicants' Japanese priority application no. 9-81013 was submitted in parent application serial no. 09/050,416, filed March 31, 1998. An English translation of applicants' Japanese priority application no. 9-81013 was filed on February 15, 2002 in parent application serial no. 10/075,246, filed February 15, 2002.

It is respectfully requested that this information disclosure statement be considered by the Examiner.

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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